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PERCUTANEOUSLY SECURING A
BONE SCREW AND A BONE PLATE
TO A BONE OF A PATIENT

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Response is being filed on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 with a three-month extension of time. It is respectfully requested that this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect such a timely response. Any shortages in other fees should be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 14291-68335.

In response to the Office Action of May 17, 2004, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.